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SUBJ: SURINAM AND EAST ASIA

1. COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND WAS EAST ASIA WEEKEND IN SURINAM.

2. SATURDAY EVENING THERE WAS THE PREMIERE PERFORMANCE OF THE "NANKING" TROUP OF PRC ACROBATS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS AND BIRD CALLERS, ACCOMPANIED BY A FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PRC EMBASSY IN GUYANA AND UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE PARAMARIBO LIONS CLUB. THIS FESTIVE OCCASION WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE SEGMENT OF PARAMARIBO'S CHINESE POPULATION AS WELL AS BY THE PRESIDENT, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY.

3. THE NEXT DAY, BEING DOUBLE TEN, WAS CELEBRATED BY THE LOCAL KMT-ORIENTED CHINESE ASSOCIATION WITH A FESTIVE DINNER AT

NOON. MANY OF THE CHINESE WHO HAD CLAPPED FOR THE PRC THE NIGHT BEFORE ENJOYED THIS DINNER. IT WAS ALSO EATEN WITH GUSTO BY THE VICE PRESIDENT, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE CHAIRMAN
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OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY.

4. BY COINCIDENCE, OCTOBER 10 WAS ALSO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATHS IN THE KOREAN WAR OF TWO SURINAM VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE PART OF THE DUTCH CONTINGENT SERVING WITH THE U.S. 2ND DIVISION. AN IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD JUST BEFORE SUNDOWN AT THE MONUMENT FOR SURINAM'S WAR DEAD, SPONSORED BY A GROUP OF VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR AND FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED. WREATHS WERE LAID BY, AMONG OTHERS, THE PRESIDENT, THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY. THE ARMY BAND PLAYED THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF THE ROK, THE US, THE NETHERLANDS AND SURINAM AND THE DUTCH AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AS WELL AS THE KOREAN MINISTER LAID WREATHS.

5. EXCEPT FOR THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF AT THE PRO-ROC DINNER, TREATMENT WAS IDENTICAL AT ALL THREE OCCASIONS. SURINAMERS TENDED NOT TO SEE ANY CONTRADICTION IN THIS BECAUSE EAST ASIA IS FAR OFF AND THEY TREAT EACH EVEN OR INVITATION ON ITS OWN MERITS. THE ONLY UNTOWARD INCIDENT OF ANY KIND WAS CAUSED BY A GROUP OF NORTH KOREAN SYMPATHIZERS WHO KEPT SHOUTING "UNIFY KOREA" DURING THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AND EVOKED AN ADVERSE REACTION BY MAKING RAUCOUS REMARKS WHILE THE BUGLER WAS PLAYING "LAST CALL."

6. THE KOREAN MINISTER INTERESTINGLY ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO THE PRC ACROBATS AND ENJOYED THEM ALONG WITH THE REST OF US. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE PRC-ORIENTED CHINESE GROUP OR THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN GEORGETOWN KNEW HE HAD BEEN INVITED. MEANWHILE, THE MINI-STRUGGLE TO INFLUENCE THE ATTITUDE OF SURINAM ON EAST ASIAN QUESTIONS GOES ON.
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